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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Environmental Defense Center, Santa Barbara, California

Staff Attorney, Spring 2007 – Present

- Represent environmental public interest clients in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Ventura Counties in cases protecting coast and ocean resources, open spaces and wildlife, and human and environmental health; develop, initiate, and conduct administrative advocacy and federal and state litigation under a variety of environmental protection laws; promote education regarding environmental policy, regulations and laws.

Sierra Watch, Nevada City, California

Attorney, Spring 2006 – Spring 2007

- Represented environmental public interest organization as in-house counsel, and represented organization's partners in the Sierra Nevada in cases protecting open spaces and wildlife.

Natural Heritage Institute, San Francisco, California

Law Fellow/Staff Attorney, Summer 2004 – Spring 2006

- Represented environmental public interest clients in cases protecting open spaces and wildlife, and human and environmental health; develop, initiate, and conduct administrative advocacy and federal and state litigation under a variety of environmental protection laws; promote education regarding environmental policy, regulations and laws.

Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe

NYU International Environmental Law Clinic, Fall 2003 – Spring 2004

- Drafted recommendations regarding regulation of access to environmental information.

Environmental Defense, New York, New York

Legal Intern, Summer 2003

- Co-authored article with ED Senior Counsel. Drafted recommendations on solid waste management in New York City.

Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, New York

NYU Environmental Law Clinic, Spring 2003 – Spring 2004

- Drafted recommendations on solid waste management in New York City. Researched state and federal clean water laws for active litigation.

Forest Guardians, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Legal Intern, Summer 2002

- Drafted petition under the Endangered Species Act to designate critical habitat for the endangered Northern Aplomado Falcon. Researched state and federal clean water laws for active litigation.

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law

Juris Doctorate, 2004

Honors: *The New York University Environmental Law Journal*, Editor-in-Chief
Sive, Paget & Riesel Environmental Law Journal Award
Korein Foundation Environmental Law Fellow, 2002-2004
Teaching Assistant, Professor Richard B. Stewart
Research Assistant, Professor Katrina Wyman

Indiana University, Bloomington

Bachelor of Arts, *with Honors*, in Journalism and Religious Studies, 2001

Honors: Wells Scholar
Honors Society

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

California State Bar, June 2005. Member, Environmental Law Section.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Santa Barbara Women Lawyers

Member, Board of Directors, 2009-2010

Santa Barbara Lawyer Magazine

Contributing Author, 2008 – Present

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- **Venoco Paredon Project**
Blocked proposal to slant drill offshore Carpinteria. (2010)
- **Clearwater Port Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Project**
Defeated proposal to construct LNG project offshore Carpinteria and Oxnard. (2010)
- **Buellton Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Initiative**
Drafted successful ballot measure establishing the Buellton Urban Growth Boundary. (2008)

- **High Risk Operator Ordinance**
Helped draft law regarding onshore oil operations. (2008)
- **Uniform Rules**
Helped draft regulations governing Williamson Act contracts in Santa Barbara County. (2007)
- **Cabrillo Port Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Project**
Defeated proposal to construct LNG terminal offshore Oxnard and Malibu. (2007)
- **S.D. Warren Co. v. Maine Board of Environmental Protection**
547 U.S. 370 (2006)
Drafted *amicus curiae* brief relied upon by SCOTUS to determine that water flowing through a dam is “discharge” under the Clean Water Act.
- **Friends of the Earth v. Watson**
35 ELR 20179 (N.D.Cal.2005)
Won precedent-setting decision granting standing for plaintiffs affected by climate change.

PUBLICATIONS

Sierra Nevada Alliance, *Saving Sierra Places: An Activist’s Toolkit for Winning Land Use Campaigns* (2006)

Hydropower Reform Coalition, *Citizen Toolkit for Effective Participation in Hydropower Licensing* (2006)

Sabino Cassese, *Global Standards for Administrative Procedure*, 68 Law & Contemp. Probs. 109 (2005)

Robert Fox Elder, *Protecting New York City’s Community Gardens*, 13 N.Y.U. Env’tl. L.J. 769 (2005)

Richard Roos-Collins, *A Plan to Restore the Public Trust Uses of Rivers and Creeks*, 83 Tex. L. Rev. 1929 (2005)

Benjamin L. Snowden, *Bargaining in the Shadow of Uncertainty: Understanding the Failure of the ACF and ACT Compacts*, 13 N.Y.U. Env’tl. L.J. 134 (2005)

Gregory A. Thomas, *The Future of Water Law Reform in California, A Quarter Century After the Governor’s Commission*, 36 McGeorge L. Rev. 495 (2005)

James T.B. Tripp & Nathan G. Alley, *Streamlining NEPA’s Environmental Review Process: Suggestions for Agency Reform*, 12 N.Y.U. Env’tl. L.J. 74 (2003)

Nicole J. Rosmarino & Nathan G. Alley, *Petition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to Revise the Critical Habitat Designation for the Northern Aplomado Falcon* (2002)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

California Association of Environmental Professionals Annual Conference, March 2010

Save Round Valley Alliance California Environmental Quality Act Workshop, June 2008